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- 1. WE CHECKED WITH THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, THE FRENCH HAD TAKEN WITH THE GREEKS IN CONNECTION WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA (REF A). THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER AND HAS MADE NO APPROACH HERE TO THE GREEKS. MOREOVER, IT SEEMS TO BE PRETTY MUCH IN THE DARK CONCERNING THE KOREAN ITEM IN GENERAL.
- 2. WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED THE GREEKS AGAIN IN VIEW OF THE INDICATION IN REF B THAT WE WOULD BE RECEIVING A SEPARATE TELEGRAM WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING OUR NEXT DEMARCHE TO THE GOG HERE. MOREOVER, USUN 4162 (NOTAL) SUGGESTED THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY FORMIN STAVROPOULOS IN NEW YORK, WE NOW HAVE A FIRM INDICATION GREECE WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE WONDER WHETHER IT IS ADVISABLE

TO APPROACH THE GREEKS AGAIN, BEFORE THE FRENCH DO, ON THE QUESTION OF THE AMENDMENTS OR CO-SPONSORSHIP. THE GOODWILL TOWARD FRANCE WHICH PERSISTS FOLLOWING THE GISCARD VISIT PUTS THE FRENCH IN A BETTER POSITION TO GAIN GREEK SUPPORT.

4. OUR RECOMMENDATION, THEREFORE, WOULD BE THAT WE WAIT FOR THE FRENCH TO APPROACH THE GREEKS BEFORE WE DO SO AGAIN OURSELVES. MEANWHILE, USUN MAY WISH TO PROD THE FRENCH ON THIS AND TO CHECK WITH MEGALOKONOMOS (THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO IS STILL AT THE UNGA) TO MAKE SURE THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE GREEK POSITION SINCE THE CONVERSATION WITH STAVROPOULOS. KUBISCH

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